Development Corporation has been established for the parent organisation of mentally handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent of the Corpus Fund and the modus operandi thereof;

(c) the concessional rate of interest leviable on the loans granted for rehabilitation of such persons;

(d) whether any national policy has been evolved for rehabilitation of such persons and assuring a life with human dignity for them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) There is no proposal to establish National Finance and Development Corporation for the parent organisation of mentally handicapped persons. However, the action for operationalising the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation to promote economic developmental activities and self-employment for the benefit/economic rehabilitation of the handicapped persons is in progress. The proposal to set up a National Trust for the Welfare of persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy is under process.

(b) A provision of Rs. 1.25 crores has been made for the year 1996-97 for the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy.

(c) Question does arise.

(d) and (e) So far paras (d) and (e) of the above question is concerned. National policy on disability rehabilitation is under preparation.

Incentives to SSIs

1070. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a package of incentives for the small sector in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Government will introduce a suitable package of incentives for the country after getting the report of Expert Committee on Small Enterprises.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Eighth Plan outlay for Environmental measures and subsidence control in mining

1071. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision of Rs. 75 crores was made as 8th Plan outlay for environmental measures and subsidence control in old and abandoned mining areas in Raniganj Coal Field and for controlling underground fires in Jharia Coal field;

(b) if so, the budgetary provision made each year against above outlay; and

(c) details of the action plan drawn up for restoration and control of subsidence as emphasized in 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SMT. KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budgetary provision made each year against the Eighth Plan outlay under 'Environmental measures and subsidence control' has been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates
1992-93	5.00
1993-94	5.00
1994-95	5.00
1995-96	5.52
1996-97	26.10

(c) With the objective of finding a long-term solution to the problem of Jharia Coal field fires, a diagnostic study under the Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Project, assisted by World Bank has been completed.

An Apex Monitoring Committee constituted to examine unstable localities of Raniganj Coalfield had opined that 38 localities required stabilisation.

The innovative technology of hydro-pneumatic sand stowing is being given field trial in two localities. In order to establish this technology through experience gained over a wider area, two more localities have been taken up for this purpose.

A few sites in different subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited have been identified for carrying out environmental and subsidence control measures relating to reclamation/rehabilitation of mined out areas, fire areas and stabilisation of underground voids in Raniganj Coalfield.

Foodgrain reserves in Central Pool

1072. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrain reserves in the Central Pool as on 31st October, 1996;

(b) whether the foodgrain stock is being reduced due to continuous export of wheat and rice; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to meet the requirement of foodgrains in case of any famine trap alongwith details?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The stock position of wheat and rice in the Central Pool as on 31.10.96 is estimated as under:

(In Million Tonnes)

Wheat	Rice	Total
9.54	11.60	21.14

(b) No, Sir. During 1996-97, Govt. has authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purpose of export only a quantity of upto 5 lakh tonnes of wheat against the carry over commitment made in 1995-96 and upto 5 lakh tonnes of fine & superfine rice including the carry over commitment made in 1995-96. Against this authorisation, FCI has sold for the purpose of export a quantity of about 4.43 lakh tonnes of wheat and about 0.52 lakh tonnes of rice only upto 31.10.1996.

(c) Does not arise.

अतिरिक्त श्रमिकों के पुनर्वास के लिये राष्ट्रीय नवीकरणीय कोष

1073. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय नवीकरणीय कोष की स्थापना अतिरिक्त श्रमिकों को स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति योजना के अंतर्गत प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने के बाद सरकारी क्षेत्र में कार्यरत संगठनों में उनका पुनर्वास करने के लिए की गई थी;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उक्त कोष से धन आहरण के पश्चात् कुल कितने श्रमिकों को मार्च, 1996 के अन्त तक प्रशिक्षित किया गया था;

(घ) उनमें से कितने श्रमिकों का पुनर्वास किया गया; और

(ङ) मार्च, 1996 तक ऐसी प्रशिक्षण प्रणाली और अन्य श्रमिक कल्याण परियोजना पर उपरोक्त कोष में से कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई और इस कोष की कितने प्रतिशत धनराशि व्यय की गई है?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम. अरूणाचलम): (क) और (ख) भारतीय उद्योग के औद्योगिक पुनगर्ठन, प्रौद्योगिकी उन्नयन और आधुनिकीकरण से प्रभावित हुए कर्मकारों के लिए सामाजिक सुरक्षा तन्त्र मुहैया कराने के लिए फरवरी, 1992 में सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय नवीकरण निधि की स्थापना की गई थी। इसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ प्रभावित कर्मकारों को सलाह देने, पुनर्प्रशिक्षण और पुनर्नियोजन के लिए सहायता की परिकल्पना है।

(ग) और (घ) अब तक, विभिन्न नोडीय अभिकरणों द्वारा सर्वेक्षण के अन्तर्गत कुल 60,075 कर्मकारों को परिधि में लिया गया है जिसमें से 28,800 कर्मकारों को सलाह, पुनर्प्रशिक्षण और पुनर्नियोजन के लिए सहायता उपलब्ध करायी गई है।

(ङ) 31.3.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार कर्मकारों को सलाह देने, पुनर्प्रशिक्षण और पुनर्नियोजन संबंधी योजनाओं पर 8.54 करोड़ रुपये की राशि व्यय की गई है जो इसी अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय नवीकरण निधि से खर्च की गई कुल निधि का 0.5 प्रतिशत है।

Surplus steel stock with SAIL

1074. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a million tonne steel is lying with SAIL,